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TAGS: CSCE, PFOR, FR

SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ON VARIOUS CSCE ISSUES

1. IN COURSE TOUR D'HORIZON CURRENT CSCE ISSUES MARCH  
17 PIERRET, CHIEF QUAI'S CSCE WORKING GROUP, MADE  
FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. QUADRIpartite RIGHTS

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QUAI VERY MUCH APPRECIATES HELPFUL REACTION TO FRENCH DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT TO THE PRESENT QRR TEXT. TO DO SO, PIERRET SAID FRENCH ARE NOW MAKING FORMAL LINKAGE BETWEEN TEXTS ON PEACEFUL CHANGE, EQUALITY OF PRINCIPLES AND QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS, AND EXPECT THAT, ON THIS BASIS, A DEAL CAN PROBABLY BE WORKED OUT, PARTICULARLY WITH THE NEUTRALS. PIERRET SAID FRENCH MAY IN END BE PREPARED TO AGREE TO SOME MINOR TEXTUAL CHANGES, BUT BELIEVE THIS IS FAR PREFERABLE TO ABANDONING PRESENT TEXT PREMATURELY. EVEN IF FRENCH EFFORT IS ULTIMATELY NOT FULLY SUCCESSFUL, IT WILL HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE PARIS ATTACHES TO THIS QUESTION.

### 3. NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS

IN QUAI'S VIEW LATEST SOVIET STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT IN FACT PIERRET SEEMED RATHER MORE SANGUINE THAN BEFORE THAT THIS QUESTION WAS GRADUALLY BECOMING SOLUBLE. HE THOUGHT ISSUES SUCH AS DEFINITIONS OF WHAT FORCE LEVELS REQUIRED WHAT PRECISE NUMBERS OF DAYS OF NOTIFICATION WERE BASICALLY LESS IMPORTANT THAN AGREEMENT ON NOTIFICATION PRINCIPLE AS SUCH. PIERRET ALSO SEEMED TO THINK THAT SOVIETS WOULD IN FACT AGREE TO A COMPROMISE ON NOTIFICATION ZONES OF 300 TO 400 KILOMETERS.

AS FOR CANADIAN PROPOSAL, PIERRET CONFIRMED THAT FRENCH WERE "SOMEWHAT INTERESTED." HOWEVER, HE SAID, QUAI WOULD NOT DEFEND IT VIGOROUSLY AND WOULD, IN ANY CASE, FOLLOW MAJORITY VIEW ON ENTIRE QUESTION.

### 4. MALTA, AND MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB PARTICIPATION.

ON THE OTHER HAND, PIERRET SAID, QUAI WAS INCREASINGLY WORRIED BY REPORTS THAT MALTESE WERE THINKING OF STIMULATING INVITATION OF NORTH AFRICAN STATES, AND PERHAPS EVEN OF IRANIANS AND ARAB STATES TO A CSCE SUMMIT. PIERRET BELIEVES YUGOSLAVIA AND CYPRUS MIGHT WELL SUPPORT SUCH AN INITIATIVE AND THAT, IN THAT CASE, IT COULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE. TO HEAD OFF THE MALTESE, CONFIDENTIAL

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THE QUAI WANTS TO PUSH THE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION QUESTION TO A CONCLUSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IS ALSO THINKING OF BRIEFING THE MALTESE TO SOME EXTENT ON THE EC-NINE/ARAB DIALOGUE.  
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